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"The Council advocates, promotes & implements policies and practices that achieve self-determination, independence, productivity & inclusion in all aspects of community life for Californians with developmental disabilities and their families."

The Council wants your thoughts on the Draft 2007-2011 State Plan!

Now available online at www.scdd.ca.gov or by calling 1-866-802-0514 -- Comment period ends July 17

The State Council gets money from the Federal Government to help make California services better for people with developmental disabilities and their families. The Council tells the federal government this by creating a five-year State Plan that includes what the Council thinks are the most important to work on during that time. The work of the Council includes the Council and Area Board Members and staff, as well as the Community Program Development Grants. There may be many important things that other people and agencies should be working on, but it is the job of the Plan is to describe where the Council will spend its time and money. At least 70 percent of all the federal money the Council receives must be spent working on things in the State Plan.

The 2007-2011 State Plan tells everyone what the Council will work on for the next five years, starting in October 2006. The Council's work includes the 13 Area Boards and the Council's Community Grants for projects around the State. To create the Plan, the Council and Area Boards listened to what people from all over California had to say about the things that are most important for people with developmental disabilities and their families. There isn't enough money to work on every idea that people had, so the Council had to choose based on the issues that were brought up by many different people and groups, and what the Council has the ability to do to improve California for people with developmental disabilities and their families.

The Council is now sharing its Draft State Plan and asking people if this is what the Council should work on for the next five years. The review and comment period is from June 1 to July 17, 2006. People can tell the Council their thoughts about the Plan by coming to a State Plan hearing, or by sending a letter, fax or email. Many of the Area Boards will also discuss the State Plan at their June or July Area Board meetings. Copies of the draft Plan, a self-advocate summary and survey are on the Council website at www.scdd.ca.gov, or call the Council Office (toll-free) at 1-866-802-0514.

The State Plan is now available online at www.scdd.ca.gov or by calling 1-866-802-0514

State Plan comments must be received by the end of the final hearing on July 17.

On July 18, the Council will review what people said about the Draft Plan and vote on the final Plan that will be submitted to the Federal Government in August. In the fall of 2006, the Federal Government will tell the Council if the Plan was approved and the Council can start putting the Plan into action.

The State Plan Hearing schedule is listed below. For details about Plan comment sessions taking place during Area Board meetings, please contact your local Area Board office. If you do not know the number, call the Council office at 1-866-802-0514.

Thursday, June 1 6:00-8:00 PM	Glendale Adventist Medical Center Conference Room B 1509 Wilson Terrace Glendale
Tuesday, June 13 4:00 to 6:00 PM	UCP Stanislaus 1213 13th Street Modesto
Thursday, June 22 6:00 to 8:00 PM	San Andreas Regional Center 300 Orchard City Drive, Suite 170 (Room 34) Campbell
Tuesday, June 27 4:00 to 6:00 PM	Petaluma Regional Library Community Room 100 Fairgrounds Drive Petaluma
Monday, July 17 4:30 to 6:30 PM	State Council Meeting Double Tree Hotel (2001 Point West Way) Sacramento

There will also be two self-advocate hearings held in conjunction with self-advocacy events. At these hearings self-advocates will be given priority for speaking. If there is time available, other members of the public may also comment.

Saturday, June 10 2:00 to 4:00 PM	Statewide Self-Advocacy Conference Double Tree Hotel (2001 Point West Way) Sacramento
Saturday, July 8 12:30 to 2:30 PM	San Diego People First Annual Meeting Balboa Park Club Santa Fe Room 2150 Pan American Rd. West (next to Puppet Theater/Recital Hall in Balboa Park) San Diego